[Mr. C. O. Madhavan.]

(*b*) The rainfall is neither steadily increasing nor decreasing but fluctuating with a rough periodicity of 11 to 12 years.

(*c*) The cause of such fluctuations is to be ultimately traced to fluctuations of solar radiation. These constitute a regular feature of world weather.

Mr. N. V. Chacko: May I know whether Travancore has more rain or less rain than is beneficial to the country?

Mr. C. O Madhavan: That is a matter of opinion. From my own experience I may say that some itmes when we want rain it does not come and sometimes when we do not want there is rain.

Mr. N. V. Chacko: I am asking for an average.

Mr. C. O. Madhavan: It cannot be said that Travancore is having more rain or less rain than is wanted.

Memorial from the copyists of the Judicial Department re their status and pay.

108. ***Mr. N. V. Chacko**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they or the High Court received a memorial from the copyists of the Judicial Department praying (*i*) that their pay may be increased, (*ii*) that their pay may be regulated on scale and (*iii*) that their status may be improved, etc,;

(*b*) whether any action has been taken on the memorial; and

(*c*) if so, what it is?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai: (*a*) Memorials from the copyists of the Judicial Department containing the prayers referred to by the member were received by the High Court and they have been forwarded to Government.

(*b*) and (*c*) The question is under the consideration of Government.

Estimate for the Changanacherry Travellers' Bungalow.

109. ***Mr. K. M. Korah**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have made any estimate of the Changanacherry Travellers' Bungalow; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether any further step has been taken after the estimate?

Mr. R. Krishnaswami Rao: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No; for want of funds.

Mr K. M. Korah: May I know the amount of the estimate?

Mr. R. Krishnaswami Rao: About Rs. 11,700

Mr. K. M. Korah: May I know from the honourable member whether Government are convinced of the urgent necessity of having a Travellers' Bungalow at Changanacherry?

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President : It is a question of intention of Government.

Agreement with Messrs. Harvey and Co., re the Punalore Paper Mills.

110. *Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any agreement was entered into with Messrs. Harvey and Co., for handing over charge of the Punalore Paper Mills;

(*b*) if so, when the agreement was entered into;

(*c*) what are its terms; and

(*d*) whether they will lay a copy of the agreement on the table?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan : (*a*) Government have no information regarding the agreement, if any, that may have been entered into between the Punalore Paper Mills and Messrs. Harvey and company

(*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) in view of the answer to part (*a*), these do not arise.

Muslim Sub-Assistant Surgeons.

111. *Mr. T. Muhamed Ismail : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of places in the cadre of Sub-Assistant Surgeons in the Medical Department;

(*b*) the number of Muslim Sub-Assistant Surgeons;

(*c*) whether any qualified Muslim has applied for the post of a Sub-Assistant Surgeon; and

(*d*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the affirmative, will they be pleased to furnish a statement, by caste, of the number of appointments made in that cadre after the date of application of the Muslim candidate and the qualification of each so appointted?

Mr. K. P. Raman Pillai : (*a*) 86.

(*b*) None.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) A * Statement, by community is laid on the table.

Mr. T. Muhamed Ismail : With reference to answer to part (*c*) may I know how many Muslims have applied?

Mr. K. P. Raman Pillai : One.

Mr. Muhammed Ismail : May I know his qualifications?

Mr. K. P. Raman Pillai : He is L. M. P.

Mr. T. Muhamed Ismail : May I know why this one Muslim applicant is not entertained even though 26 other appointments were made after his application?

Mr. K. P. Raman Pillai : The Public Service Commissioner did not recommend his name.

*Vide Appendix V—page 581.

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